FAVERSHAM PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Report of Medical Officer of Health for year 1908.

During the past year only one case of Infectious Disease occurred on board any of the vessels in the Port of Faversham. This was a case of diphtheria, which was removed to the Isolation Hospital and recovered; disinfection was carried out after removal. No cases of serious illness and no deaths have occurred; no formal arrangement has as yet been made for the removal and reception of cases of infectious disease.

The total number of arrivals in the Port during the year is 8,126, as against 8,045 in 1907, shewing an amount about the same, but not so large as in 1906. Of these 14 were from foreign ports as against 21 in 1907, and 13 in 1906; all these came into Faversham Creek. The total arrivals were divided amongst Faversham, Milton, Conyer, and Oare Creeks.

The number of inspections during the year was:

	By Inspector.	By Medical Officer.
Faversham	425	49
Milton	941	see separate report.
Conyer	418	21
Oare	84	54
	1868	124

Any defects noticed have been remedied by the owners after notice has been sent to them. The arrangements for storage and supply of water have been found to be satisfactory.

During the year it has not been found necessary to take any action under the Public Health (First Series: Unsound Food) Regulations, 1908; no new Regulations are proposed.

The amount of foreign trade is not large. Timber ships arrive from the Baltic, and a few from nearer ports across the Channel. The prevalence of plague in Russia caused some anxiety but no cases arose here. From British Ports we have vessels loaded with coal, granite, slates and railway material; the barge traffic has much diminished and consists of bricks for London and district, returning with breeze and manure. A separate report is appended from the Medical Officer for Milton Creek.

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